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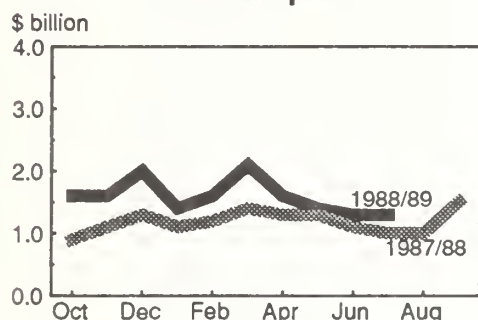
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Trade Surplus



Trade Surplus Falls \$63 Million - The U.S. agricultural trade surplus fell for the third consecutive month. July's agricultural trade surplus fell \$63 million from June to \$1.27 billion, the lowest monthly total since August 1988. Exports in July fell \$80 million to just under \$3 billion. Meanwhile, imports also fell slightly to \$1.7 billion. The cumulative agricultural trade surplus for October-July was \$15.8 billion, 34 percent above a year ago.

Exports Seasonally Lower - U.S. agricultural exports fell from \$3.06 billion in June to \$2.98 billion in July. Decreases for corn, soybeans, meat, cattle hides, fruits and vegetables, tobacco, and animal feeds totaling \$488 million more than offset a \$422 million increase in wheat, rice, and cotton.

Wheat exports reached 3.7 million tons in July, 50 percent above the June figure. Wheat export unit values fell \$8 a ton to \$157. The value of U.S. wheat exports rose to \$584 million. Shipments to China surpassed one million tons, replacing the Soviet Union as the largest market. This brings total U.S. wheat exports to China during October-July to 6.4 million tons. The Soviet Union and Egypt were next largest markets in July with 429,000 and 399,000 tons, respectively. Algeria was also a major customer in July.

Corn exports fell to 3.4 million tons in July, valued at \$404 million, the lowest level since July 1988. Japan, the Soviet Union, Korea, Taiwan, and Mexico accounted for 2.7 million tons or 80 percent of the total. For October-July, corn exports amounted to 45 million tons compared with 36 million tons a year earlier.

Soybean exports plummeted 47 percent in July to 446,000 tons valued at \$123 million. U.S. soybean exports generally fell from February through June, then level off. However, this year, they continued to fall with short U.S. supplies and increased availability of South American beans. Japan, Mexico, and Taiwan were the largest U.S. soybean markets in July.

Cotton exports rebounded to \$288 million in July, returning to a more typical seasonal pattern. Approximately one-fourth of all U.S. cotton exports in July were to Japan with Korea and China each accounting for 17 percent. In all, 196,000 tons moved, up from the 55,000 recorded in June. In addition to Japan, Korea, and China, Turkey, Taiwan and Indonesia were also large customers.

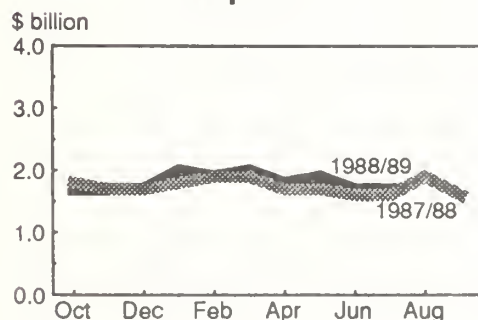
July meat exports were virtually unchanged from June at \$206 million, but remained 28 percent above one year earlier. Meat has been the fastest growing major U.S. agricultural export in recent years, with value increasing 95 percent during 1985-88. This year, favorable exchange rates and import liberalization have continued to boost meat exports. During the first 10 months of FY 1989, meat exports grew \$577 million, with Japan, South Korea, and Mexico accounting for virtually all the increase.

Imports Slightly Lower - U.S. agricultural imports fell in July, but remained above \$1.7 billion for the tenth consecutive month. Declines in imports of fruits and vegetables (\$62 million), live animals (\$30 million), and vegetable oils (\$23 million) offset gains in coffee (\$47 million) and sugar (\$13 million).

Based on the pace thus far, the import forecast for fiscal 1989 was raised \$500 million to a record \$21.5 billion. The previous record of \$21 billion was set in fiscal 1988.

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Imports



Exports Expected to Reach \$40 Billion in FY 1989 - FY 1989 export value is now forecast to reach \$40 billion, compared with \$35.3 billion in fiscal 1988. This is the third consecutive annual increase in exports and the first time the value has approached \$40 billion since the record \$43.8 billion in fiscal 1981. Exports of corn, wheat, horticultural products, and animal products will account for most of the increase in FY 1989.

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-July				July			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	29,270,267	33,958,995	--	--	2,629,958	2,976,752
Animals & animal products (NA)	--	--	4,796,286	5,475,838	--	--	500,117	529,694
Animals live - excl. poultry (NO)	369	1,806	301,708	385,114	101	32	35,006	16,014
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	131	232	100,254	140,077	36	8	21,342	5,765
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	21	31	188,197	183,327	2	3	10,888	7,187
Swine - live (NO)	11	141	6,066	19,494	5	3	886	714
Sheep, live (NO)	82	286	4,824	10,414	15	10	663	264
Other live animals (NO)	--	--	2,367	31,802	--	--	1,228	2,084
Meats & meat prods, ex poultry(MT)	498	714	1,401,637	1,979,044	59	84	158,714	203,181
Beef & veal (MT)	176	285	772,660	1,197,537	17	38	84,509	123,538
Beef & veal - fresh or frozen (MT)	173	279	758,010	1,178,278	17	37	82,859	120,679
Beef - prepared or preserved (MT)	3	6	14,651	19,259	0	1	1,649	2,859
Horsemeat-fresh, chill, frozen (MT)	41	47	81,392	103,547	4	4	7,238	9,065
Pork (MT)	46	70	187,223	251,783	6	7	22,922	23,942
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	41	59	173,171	227,012	5	6	21,243	21,665
Pork - prepared or preserved (MT)	6	10	14,052	24,772	1	1	1,678	2,277
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	219	247	320,224	363,184	30	27	39,508	39,828
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	15	66	40,138	62,992	2	7	4,537	6,808
Poultry & poultry products (NA)	--	--	522,025	607,910	--	--	53,174	60,623
Poultry - live (NO)	36,524	36,196	69,657	65,810	3,641	4,091	6,587	7,399
Baby chicks (NO)	32,941	30,424	64,234	57,945	3,414	2,731	6,287	5,810
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	5,423	7,865	--	--	300	1,590
Poultry meats (MT)	319	386	336,245	430,338	35	40	38,026	44,060
Chicken - fresh or frozen (MT)	280	350	290,287	381,328	30	36	32,775	38,739
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	20	15	20,245	18,123	3	2	2,692	2,062
Other poultry - fresh or froz (MT)	13	11	13,457	13,882	1	1	1,181	1,425
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	6	9	12,256	17,005	1	1	1,378	1,833
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	2	26,468	27,826	0	0	2,307	3,303
Eggs and products (NA)	--	--	89,655	83,935	--	--	6,254	5,861
Dairy products (MT)	305	460	392,706	392,768	32	62	46,846	42,005
Evaporated & condensed milk (MT)	2	13	1,996	20,223	0	2	143	2,608
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	193	119	172,308	121,317	18	18	23,941	13,373
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	7	14	7,483	22,737	1	6	1,168	9,792
Cheese (MT)	18	11	34,379	24,936	1	1	3,015	1,795
Whey, fluid or dried (MT)	44	58	25,965	40,785	6	4	3,264	3,144
Other dairy products (MT)	--	--	150,576	162,770	--	--	15,314	11,293
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,109	1,127	436,033	441,148	123	102	52,301	37,915
Lard (MT)	44	52	21,176	25,264	4	4	1,976	2,138
Tallow - inedible (MT)	972	897	366,464	336,870	109	81	44,079	28,690
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	93	178	48,394	79,014	10	17	6,247	7,088
Hides & skins, including furs (NA)	--	--	1,546,493	1,447,434	--	--	136,668	149,098
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	16,523	22,127	1,206,387	1,146,607	1,938	2,403	119,157	123,123
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	18,631	28,174	--	--	1,335	2,643
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	122,518	138,374	--	--	9,761	14,687
Furskins (NA)	--	--	198,957	134,279	--	--	6,415	8,644
Mink pelts (NO)	2,242	2,765	81,237	82,912	76	248	2,379	5,763
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	117,720	51,368	--	--	4,036	2,881
Wool & mohair (MT)	6	6	33,688	35,512	0	0	1,778	3,202
Sausage casings (MT)	9	8	23,698	24,073	1	1	2,873	2,809
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	31,598	40,166	--	--	3,003	4,470
Misc animal prods - other (MT)	--	--	106,700	122,669	--	--	9,753	10,376
Grains and feeds (MT)	91,224	96,981	10,008,376	14,196,552	8,113	9,081	1,069,010	1,355,365
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	34,111	30,109	3,570,345	4,795,292	3,034	3,718	380,122	584,404
Wheat flour (MT)	1,077	976	135,203	198,914	129	36	25,845	8,929
Bulgur wheat (MT)	122	39	22,445	9,100	9	3	1,486	616
Other wheat products (MT)	12	9	7,615	8,347	1	1	563	924
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	1,883	2,601	626,170	805,377	179	270	66,864	92,857
Feed grains & products (MT)	44,242	53,317	4,049,060	6,529,562	3,911	4,273	449,514	513,566
Feed grains (MT)	44,007	52,991	3,983,925	6,425,081	3,889	4,234	443,031	500,721
Barley (MT)	2,571	1,346	197,924	168,232	251	210	23,349	25,989
Corn (MT)	36,321	44,965	3,341,739	5,491,586	3,123	3,382	366,666	404,499
Grain sorghums (MT)	5,103	6,575	442,982	753,710	513	636	52,858	69,667
Oats (MT)	6	8	729	1,097	1	1	82	203
Rye (MT)	6	97	551	10,456	1	4	76	363
Feed grain products (MT)	234	326	65,134	104,481	22	39	6,483	12,845
Popcorn (MT)	55	60	26,267	34,070	6	7	2,802	3,842
Blended food products (MT)	165	175	46,273	54,865	20	8	5,663	2,504
Other grain products (MT)	178	371	124,656	209,384	21	24	14,285	21,993
Feeds & fodders, excl. oilcake (MT)	9,380	9,324	1,400,342	1,551,642	804	741	121,865	125,729
Corn by-products (MT)	5,017	4,483	689,249	664,563	417	350	59,219	49,771
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	535	462	71,918	68,271	70	64	10,034	9,515
Beet pulp (MT)	744	594	82,535	75,503	40	43	4,329	5,700
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	597	690	78,422	82,763	24	9	3,633	1,104
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	2,487	3,095	478,217	660,541	253	275	44,650	59,637
Fruits & preps, excl juice (MT)	1,695	1,791	1,214,914	1,291,543	146	169	127,286	138,323
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,459	1,531	896,991	946,587	125	144	98,683	103,693
Fruits - fresh - citrus (MT)	880	926	476,716	505,444	55	59	33,372	36,530
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	442	460	213,881	223,486	20	15	10,059	8,175
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	122	121	79,831	82,456	9	13	8,126	9,940
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	308	341	176,133	196,803	24	31	14,217	18,387
Fruits - fresh - noncitrus (MT)	578	605	420,275	441,143	71	85	65,310	67,163
Apples - fresh (MT)	276	230	120,311	116,122	7	9	3,889	4,487
Grapes - fresh (MT)	74	95	79,067	90,864	11	10	12,190	10,063
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	228	279	220,897	234,156	53	66	49,231	52,614
Fruits - dried (MT)	133	131	210,002	210,154	11	11	18,228	18,938
Raisins - dried (MT)	76	75	114,575	117,737	8	7	12,386	12,010
Prunes - dried (MT)	50	48	79,786	76,665	3	3	4,935	5,898
Other dried fruits (MT)	8	8	15,642	15,751	1	1	907	1,030

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	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Fruits - canned - excl. juice (MT)	62	67	65,616	68,338	4	5	5,244	4,908
Fruits - frozen, excl. juice (MT)	21	25	21,548	24,113	3	5	3,298	5,896
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	20	38	20,757	42,351	2	4	1,834	4,887
Fruit juices, including frozen (HL)	4,446	4,147	204,541	219,726	598	545	26,185	28,599
Orange juice (HL)	2,058	2,224	94,269	110,807	299	361	12,278	16,624
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,388	1,924	110,272	108,918	299	184	13,907	11,975
Wine (HL)	46	437	61,101	69,860	5	62	7,871	8,169
Nuts and preparations (MT)	360	397	728,005	702,862	24	23	53,122	43,010
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	139	130	456,995	403,980	12	9	38,571	26,814
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	136	186	102,864	140,379	9	12	7,770	8,962
Walnuts, shelled or unshelled (MT)	67	62	107,454	97,171	2	1	2,041	2,532
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	1	3	5,647	7,859	0	0	534	782
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	16	16	55,046	53,473	1	1	4,206	3,920
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	1,560	2,135	1,083,494	1,348,495	137	218	93,124	126,337
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	561	645	274,955	312,366	40	55	18,625	24,311
Celery - fresh (MT)	51	58	16,084	18,328	3	3	992	1,095
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	163	145	51,910	45,576	6	9	2,203	2,814
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	31	109	11,757	40,539	5	16	2,097	6,425
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	65	70	42,252	46,058	7	7	4,255	4,157
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	252	263	152,951	161,865	19	19	9,079	9,819
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	198	232	138,696	173,741	18	24	13,729	18,297
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	42	46	30,540	34,097	4	4	2,646	3,231
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	109	137	72,882	92,771	11	15	7,549	10,438
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	47	50	35,274	46,873	4	4	3,534	4,628
Vegetables - canned (MT)	141	136	114,580	119,994	13	8	10,360	7,683
Pulses (MT)	443	424	179,228	231,811	44	40	13,940	23,446
Dried beans (MT)	301	293	134,517	182,674	29	26	8,768	17,495
Dried peas (MT)	113	96	34,141	31,257	7	7	2,565	2,545
Dried lentils (MT)	30	35	10,571	17,881	8	6	2,608	3,406
Hops, including hop extract (MT)	8	14	54,469	69,354	1	1	3,457	4,910
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	321,565	441,228	--	--	33,012	47,690
Oilseeds and products (MT)	26,776	19,324	6,750,663	6,052,105	1,260	757	452,508	252,648
Oilcake and meal (MT)	5,706	4,467	1,305,647	1,237,156	296	123	82,596	31,137
Soybean meal (MT)	5,549	4,349	1,280,880	1,216,959	273	122	78,808	30,783
Other oilcakes and meals (MT)	156	118	24,767	20,196	23	1	3,787	353
Oilseeds (MT)	19,592	13,725	4,638,727	4,112,000	845	508	293,962	148,982
Soybeans (MT)	19,188	13,125	4,440,596	3,835,341	827	446	282,408	122,812
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	244	91	81,998	42,653	3	5	2,072	2,715
Peanuts, oilstock (MT)	34	49	26,772	40,175	1	2	841	1,280
Other oilseeds (MT)	86	406	24,899	110,608	9	50	1,810	13,563
Protein substances (MT)	39	54	64,462	83,224	5	5	6,831	8,612
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,478	1,131	806,288	702,949	119	126	75,950	72,530
Soybean oil (MT)	731	551	361,221	303,468	71	74	40,658	38,371
Cottonseed oil (MT)	167	123	83,198	63,019	8	18	5,024	8,427
Sunflower oil (MT)	293	168	129,973	84,904	10	8	5,006	4,637
Corn oil (MT)	147	143	86,316	89,472	18	15	10,841	8,544
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	140	147	145,580	162,086	12	12	14,421	12,551
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	203	188	1,146,106	1,144,207	12	7	65,557	47,956
Tobacco - burley (MT)	41	46	262,434	320,284	2	2	15,851	11,504
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	117	98	726,482	642,656	7	3	38,956	19,889
Other tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	45	44	157,191	181,266	3	2	10,750	16,563
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1,273	1,223	1,961,709	1,705,707	70	196	109,080	288,392
Cotton linters (MT)	31	44	11,489	17,269	4	3	1,219	1,347
Essential oils (MT)	8	12	101,608	149,654	1	1	9,226	13,260
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	254	367	362,869	415,000	10	55	21,599	32,469
Sugar and tropical products (MT)	743	713	595,928	636,753	91	39	71,969	47,985
Sugar & related products (MT)	652	585	165,716	221,948	81	29	23,581	16,783
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	261	271	76,353	96,800	36	19	12,934	7,122
Related sugar products (MT)	391	314	89,363	125,148	45	10	10,647	9,662
Coffee (MT)	10	15	65,097	72,483	1	2	5,569	5,425
Cocoa (MT)	5	8	10,798	19,170	1	1	1,655	1,072
Chocolate & preparations (MT)	25	40	87,780	127,605	3	4	8,222	9,921
Tea & mate (MT)	2	5	14,977	21,150	0	1	981	2,625
Spices (MT)	7	7	21,669	22,391	1	1	2,032	2,075
Flavoring sirups & extracts (MT)	22	11	195,432	100,937	3	1	26,571	7,849
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	20	38	33,330	48,509	2	1	3,219	2,051
Other misc. veg. products (MT)	21	32	108,657	171,468	2	2	8,196	11,989
Nursery & greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	67,782	92,901	--	--	4,574	7,694
Beverages, excluding juices (HL)	121	3,457	66,739	269,054	15	684	9,314	43,516
Selected non-agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	8,154,477	7,608,022	--	--	1,182,623	997,095
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	2,020,421	651,845	--	--	247,823	2,132
Fish and shellfish (MT)	466	504	1,671,142	1,748,131	93	86	483,119	423,389
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	262	293	1,069,220	1,028,205	65	75	383,562	359,535
Shellfish (MT)	62	95	421,682	506,794	9	6	54,495	30,925
Other fish products (MT)	142	116	180,240	213,132	19	6	45,061	32,929
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	233	229	1,370,925	1,180,888	18	19	113,372	121,039
Fungicides (MT)	32	23	181,423	133,677	3	2	15,041	9,518
Herbicides (MT)	134	117	744,503	604,258	10	9	63,593	57,750
Insecticides (MT)	48	59	325,085	260,874	4	5	26,434	32,012
Other pesticides (MT)	20	30	119,914	182,078	1	3	8,504	21,759
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	816,953	1,352,051	--	--	80,985	168,050
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	55	31	369,716	358,881	3	2	34,397	40,349
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	447,237	993,170	--	--	46,588	127,701
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	2,275,037	2,675,108	--	--	257,324	282,485

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-July				July			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	17,503,940	18,156,422	--	--	1,603,312	1,703,342
Noncompetitive agric. imports (NA)	--	--	5,378,965	5,227,164	--	--	519,495	532,024
Bananas and plantains (MT)	2,530	2,552	683,146	715,576	244	272	67,985	75,783
Coffee, including products (MT)	871	838	2,148,110	2,019,201	96	104	247,826	233,958
Cocoa and products (MT)	477	470	1,003,389	806,346	36	39	68,266	61,907
Tea and mate' (MT)	74	76	102,347	111,018	8	8	11,615	11,583
Spices (MT)	102	91	302,283	245,745	6	10	26,302	28,791
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	700	789	759,206	921,425	50	78	60,654	82,801
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	5,660	9,270	0	0	226	1,431
Wool, unmanufactured - carpet (MT)	11	14	39,686	50,003	1	1	4,438	3,825
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	39	71	20,754	34,037	2	7	1,853	3,466
Essential oils (MT)	10	13	114,860	117,158	1	1	12,076	10,415
Drugs - crude - natural (MT)	40	51	183,087	191,625	4	4	16,920	17,926
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	16,439	5,760	--	--	1,336	136
Competitive agric. imports (NA)	--	--	12,124,975	12,929,258	--	--	1,083,817	1,171,318
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	4,425,172	4,141,489	--	--	378,188	376,527
Animals-live, excl. poultry (NO)	1,933	2,152	626,019	640,291	92	100	26,261	22,923
Cattle - live (NO)	1,330	1,079	522,375	499,886	25	23	17,666	15,433
Horses & mules - live (NO)	9	8	49,839	49,005	1	0	3,157	2,774
Swine - live(NO)	497	926	50,234	85,045	53	36	5,156	3,639
Sheep, live (NO)	30	107	2,370	5,472	4	30	221	914
Other live animals (NO)	66	31	1,201	882	9	10	60	162
Meats & products ex poultry (MT)	1,075	922	2,345,669	2,039,076	99	91	213,094	209,749
Beef and veal (MT)	649	560	1,397,279	1,273,001	60	62	128,396	145,637
Beef & veal-fresh, frozen (MT)	586	503	1,232,888	1,123,510	53	56	111,978	125,624
Beef & veal-prep or pres (MT)	63	57	164,391	149,491	7	7	16,418	20,013
Pork (MT)	387	318	857,444	657,515	37	24	76,969	53,075
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	251	204	441,087	334,179	24	15	40,341	27,210
Pork - prepared, preservd (MT)	136	114	416,357	323,336	13	9	36,628	25,865
Mutton, goat, & lamb (MT)	18	17	34,025	35,081	1	2	2,765	4,482
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	18	16	32,957	34,365	1	2	2,635	4,482
Variety meats-fresh, frozen (MT)	8	10	10,985	16,816	1	1	914	1,518
Other meats - fresh or froz (MT)	3	3	16,852	21,055	0	0	1,888	1,435
Other meats & products (MT)	9	14	29,067	35,590	1	2	2,161	3,602
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	80,962	105,647	--	--	8,410	11,915
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	6,643	12,400	--	--	698	1,272
Poultry meat (MT)	2	4	10,727	12,320	0	0	755	895
Eggs (NA)	--	--	11,609	19,863	--	--	1,215	3,011
Feathers & downs - crude (MT)	8	10	51,983	61,065	1	1	5,743	6,737
Dairy products (MT)	278	266	725,878	684,985	30	29	76,065	78,713
Milk & cream, fresh o/dried (MT)	14	13	13,513	14,073	1	1	1,210	711
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	1	2	1,558	3,112	0	0	132	178
Cheese (MT)	99	93	313,580	292,115	11	10	32,423	29,461
Casein & mixtures (MT)	81	61	237,193	285,589	8	9	27,370	43,538
Other dairy products (MT)	--	--	160,033	90,096	--	--	14,930	4,825
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	17	12	16,014	11,885	2	1	1,447	1,542
Hides & skins, incl. furs (NA)	--	--	213,537	211,466	--	--	12,557	8,484
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	5	6	36,394	32,680	0	0	3,681	1,660
Oth hides & skins, ex furs (MT)	--	--	46,781	55,571	--	--	4,326	4,629
Fur pelts (NA)	--	--	130,362	123,214	--	--	4,549	2,195
Wool - unmf, apparel grades (MT)	41	42	227,499	240,842	3	5	20,124	19,453
Sausage casings (MT)	10	13	55,480	58,907	1	2	5,870	8,749
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	2,310	2,946	--	--	125	145
Misc animal products (NA)	--	--	131,805	145,445	--	--	14,235	14,853
Grains, products, & feeds (MT)	2,548	2,851	701,372	934,198	242	277	69,521	89,837
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	288	223	35,223	40,043	49	17	5,975	3,028
Corn, unmilled (MT)	79	36	7,151	10,325	7	6	725	676
Oats, unmilled (MT)	653	963	73,328	132,508	33	111	4,354	12,846
Barley, unmilled (MT)	254	210	20,178	36,850	20	12	1,672	2,220
Rice (MT)	83	101	40,979	48,265	8	11	4,717	5,735
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	103	122	219,402	251,170	9	13	19,327	24,908
Pasta & noodles (MT)	87	103	69,415	87,767	8	12	6,651	10,325
Other grains & preps (MT)	168	233	107,437	148,857	13	21	10,240	12,582
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	834	860	128,259	178,413	95	73	15,860	17,517
Fruits & preparations (MT)	1,477	1,710	904,021	972,390	93	101	67,984	65,795
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	1,108	1,265	606,641	631,380	56	61	40,070	35,666
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	45	39	34,082	32,649	3	2	1,736	1,020
Apples, fresh (MT)	115	112	48,862	46,645	11	12	4,727	4,105
Citrus, fresh (MT)	79	68	22,228	17,318	5	5	1,074	892
Grapes, fresh (MT)	295	277	252,749	217,004	3	0	4,082	254
Mangoes (MT)	25	41	21,165	33,774	10	12	7,197	9,200
Melons (MT)	339	484	85,563	127,144	2	3	365	327
Pineapples (MT)	69	80	23,333	33,572	7	8	2,780	3,315
Other fruits-fresh or froz (MT)	140	165	118,660	123,274	14	19	18,109	16,553
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	369	445	297,380	341,010	37	40	27,915	30,128
Pineapples-canned or prep (MT)	202	242	130,876	142,567	22	23	13,473	12,447
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	167	202	166,504	198,443	14	17	14,442	17,681
Orange juice (HL)	13,817	13,254	408,795	459,564	670	633	23,123	21,234
Other fruit juices (HL)	8,012	13,452	202,171	257,863	898	2,920	21,801	21,591
Nuts & preparations (MT)	116	106	272,074	260,969	11	11	24,843	28,255
Brazil nuts (MT)	8	5	10,461	12,041	2	1	2,124	2,678
Cashew nuts (MT)	32	36	175,852	162,356	3	4	15,850	16,970
Chestnuts (MT)	3	4	6,793	8,533	0	0	51	18
Coconut meat (MT)	35	37	31,922	31,513	4	4	3,797	2,879
Filberts (MT)	2	2	6,570	6,185	0	0	178	90
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	2	8,009	16,043	0	0	812	2,939
Pistachio nuts (MT)	2	1	5,765	2,234	0	0	643	405
Other nuts (MT)	34	21	26,702	22,063	2	1	1,387	2,274

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity -- continued

Commodity and unit	October-July				July			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	2,190	2,573	1,376,200	1,725,671	126	181	105,414	123,790
Vegetables-fresh or frozen (MT)	1,538	1,594	641,228	829,170	69	84	34,956	44,312
Tomatoes (MT)	323	327	143,020	198,805	20	23	8,186	9,056
Asparagus (MT)	13	13	18,302	16,030	1	1	1,132	1,140
Beans (MT)	12	21	10,183	18,993	0	1	275	629
Carrots (MT)	47	44	9,408	10,430	0	0	174	147
Cucumbers (MT)	212	190	48,057	77,816	2	2	873	1,199
Eggplant (MT)	18	17	9,268	8,572	0	0	0	17
Garlic (MT)	16	12	9,957	10,377	2	1	1,374	1,179
Lettuce (MT)	17	20	11,352	7,348	1	1	230	344
Onions (MT)	184	151	75,654	62,087	3	5	2,227	3,150
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	23	41	21,842	41,059	1	3	1,010	2,741
Peppers (MT)	119	123	66,549	96,140	6	6	4,270	5,548
Potatoes (MT)	195	222	37,992	62,364	7	7	2,044	2,754
Squash (MT)	61	74	31,642	33,979	1	1	169	241
Other veds - fresh or froz (MT)	295	340	148,001	185,171	26	32	12,992	16,167
Vegetables - prep or preserv (MT)	653	979	734,972	896,502	57	97	70,457	79,479
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	64	57	109,537	115,656	6	5	12,702	11,470
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	46	44	104,362	107,159	4	5	10,717	11,638
Hops, incl extract (MT)	5	6	26,673	24,605	0	0	8	11
Artichokes - prepared (MT)	13	11	25,143	23,205	4	2	7,653	4,796
Asparagus - prepared (MT)	2	2	3,646	3,838	0	0	380	181
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (MT)	112	173	63,452	147,639	5	6	3,295	5,658
Waterchestnuts (MT)	28	25	21,775	18,858	3	4	2,294	2,821
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	36	50	15,719	27,933	3	4	1,309	2,426
Other vegetables-prep/pres (MT)	--	--	364,664	427,609	--	--	32,100	40,478
Sugar and related products (MT)	1,928	5,284	492,260	755,730	243	1,499	60,512	107,871
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	826	1,298	284,598	491,451	111	181	36,555	71,719
Molasses - inedible (MT)	773	3,686	56,222	52,365	95	1,289	7,306	11,209
Confectionery products (MT)	33	64	51,702	110,910	4	9	5,566	15,442
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	296	237	99,739	101,005	32	19	11,084	9,501
Spices (MT)	20	18	27,864	34,711	2	1	2,465	2,447
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	177	139	493,131	427,278	20	20	54,948	65,673
Tobacco - filler (MT)	147	125	459,062	409,806	17	19	52,229	63,790
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	12	12	15,757	6,313	2	2	1,468	751
Other tobacco (MT)	18	3	18,312	11,160	1	0	1,251	1,132
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	12,764	11,828	1,673,704	1,497,983	1,449	1,640	169,275	153,917
Wine (HL)	2,562	2,338	833,717	747,252	232	202	69,818	63,386
Malt beverages (HL)	9,189	8,433	764,640	696,554	1,091	1,027	90,610	84,629
Other beverages (HL)	1,013	1,058	75,347	54,176	126	411	8,848	5,902
Oilseeds & products (MT)	1,389	1,613	656,155	802,243	144	101	71,080	61,341
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	172	364	57,472	135,532	15	11	5,943	5,855
Flaxseed (MT)	55	148	9,694	50,277	7	2	1,954	777
Sesameseed (MT)	33	34	23,807	30,083	2	3	1,777	3,231
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	85	182	23,971	55,171	6	6	2,211	1,846
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,020	965	566,755	613,956	106	68	60,587	51,703
Castor oil (MT)	27	34	24,601	30,952	0	3	24	2,459
Coconut oil (MT)	404	300	188,163	148,165	29	23	14,742	10,701
Olive oil (MT)	60	74	101,558	131,114	3	10	10,062	18,988
Palm oil (MT)	140	113	45,358	45,468	5	6	1,967	1,992
Palm kernel oil (MT)	172	144	82,707	79,506	10	6	5,536	3,233
Other oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	218	300	124,369	178,752	59	21	28,256	14,330
Oilcake & meal (MT)	197	285	31,928	52,756	22	22	4,551	3,784
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	0	1	455	3,357	0	0	0	195
Cotton linters (MT)	29	9	6,800	2,940	3	3	610	801
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	129	149	130,090	164,208	18	2	10,505	8,984
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	231,948	258,511	--	--	16,866	18,698
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	95,378	116,983	--	--	3,755	6,996
Other vegetable products (MT)	11	46	27,385	113,168	1	9	2,928	17,366
Selected non-agric imports (NA)	--	--	7,741,886	8,332,747	--	--	636,547	775,360
Fertilizers (MT)	13,311	40,195	1,186,420	1,437,420	1,011	15,017	80,548	75,223
Potassium (MT)	5,933	5,564	529,449	499,716	312	107	28,896	10,385
Nitrogen (MT)	5,980	31,773	501,723	670,765	496	14,682	39,949	40,365
Phosphate (MT)	756	2,663	54,983	235,478	169	224	6,300	24,015
Mixed or organic fertilizers (MT)	642	155	100,265	25,125	34	0	5,404	0
Fish and shellfish(MT)	30,242	16,801	4,104,332	4,383,269	3,410	122	352,236	453,637
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	630	785	1,729,744	2,066,163	52	86	131,305	227,416
Shellfish (MT)	281	294	2,279,741	2,257,536	28	33	212,944	223,759
Fish products, other (MT)	29,331	15,722	94,848	59,569	3,330	4	7,987	2,462
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	75	65	407,440	368,554	1	5	9,169	25,130
Fungicides (MT)	6	12	41,598	47,696	1	1	3,656	2,093
Herbicides (MT)	37	14	191,526	122,591	1	1	3,539	8,921
Insecticides (MT)	15	2	107,644	25,153	0	0	1,153	1,789
Other pesticides (MT)	18	37	66,672	173,114	0	3	821	12,327
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,977,485	2,072,086	--	--	189,077	214,548
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	99	907	1,045,627	935,168	10	114	107,052	98,619
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	931,858	1,136,918	--	--	82,024	115,929
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	66,210	71,419	--	--	5,518	6,821

Preliminary. -- = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	May	June	July	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	3,327	3,057	2,977	33,959	16.0
Imports (c.i.f.)	2,114	1,860	1,854	19,987	--
Imports (Customs val.)	1,946	1,720	1,703	18,156	3.7
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	1,213	1,197	1,123	13,972	--
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,381	1,337	1,274	15,803	34.3

Preliminary data.

Table 4--U.S. agricultural exports, FY 1981, 1987-89

Commodity group	Fiscal 1981	Fiscal 1987	Fiscal 1988	Fiscal 1989(f)
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Billion dollars

Total	43.780	27.876	35.334	40.0
Wheat and flour	7.965	3.084	4.638	6.1
Rice	1.537	.551	.731	.9
Coarse grains 1/	10.497	3.752	5.209	7.5
Soybeans	5.986	4.205	5.008	4.1
Soybean meal	1.599	1.325	1.471	1.3
Animal prods.	4.186	5.045	6.096	6.6
Horticultural	3.084	3.052	3.818	4.3
Cotton & linters	2.248	1.429	2.136	2.2
Tobacco, unmg.	1.339	1.203	1.296	1.3

Million tons

Total	162.011	129.300	148.280	147.0
Wheat and flour	43.187	29.509	41.547	38.2
Rice	3.172	2.454	2.173	2.7
Coarse grains 1/	69.516	47.606	53.308	62.8
Soybeans	19.972	21.394	20.908	14.3
Soybean meal	6.149	6.617	6.208	4.8
Horticultural	n.a.	2.988	3.561	3.8
Cotton & linters	1.264	1.330	1.427	1.5
Tobacco, unmg.	.252	.224	.229	.2

(f)= August and September numbers are forecast.

1/ Includes products.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	May	June	July	FY to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	3,327	3,057	2,977	33,959	16.0
Live animals	26	25	23	451	21.4
Meat & prep.	255	255	247	2,409	38.6
Dairy prod & eggs	48	45	48	477	-1.2
Animal fats	40	33	38	441	1.2
Hides & skins	153	161	149	1,447	-6.4
Wheat	405	407	584	4,795	34.3
Rice	108	66	93	805	28.6
Corn	638	685	404	5,492	64.3
Other feed grains	93	89	96	933	45.4
Animal feeds	310	198	157	2,789	3.1
Soybeans	177	240	123	3,855	-13.6
Vegetable oils	78	55	73	703	-12.8
Horticult. prods.	438	382	352	4,140	11.8
Cotton & linters	204	78	290	1,723	-12.7
Tobacco, unmg.	93	68	48	1,144	-0.2

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	May	June	July	FY to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	1,946	1,720	1,703	18,156	3.7
Live animals	57	55	24	653	3.2
Meat & prep.	220	217	211	2,051	-12.9
Dairy prod, eggs	76	68	82	705	-4.4
Grains & feeds	94	89	90	934	33.2
Fruits & nuts	308	239	213	2,666	7.9
Vegetables	191	150	124	1,726	25.4
Vegetable oils	57	75	52	614	8.3
Wine	79	67	63	747	-10.4
Malt beverages	81	87	85	697	-8.9
Coffee	206	187	234	2,019	-6.0
Cocoa	75	66	62	806	-19.6
Rubber, natural	101	69	83	921	21.4
Sugar	48	58	72	491	72.7
Tobacco, unmg.	46	35	66	427	-13.4
Seeds, flowers	65	34	35	540	18.0

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